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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg;

Perhaps I am wasting your time and my time by writing and for that I am sorry; but after reading tonight's Stockton Record article regarding your speech at a meeting of the Genetics Society of America about polio vaccines which may have contained a cancer agent, I decided to send you information on myself which you may be able to use as one more statistic for your research.

Last Sept. 26th, I had radical breast surgery for cancer. The following is a list of the polio shots I received:

- 1-22-57 Given by Dr. Erwin Roeser, Stockton, Calif.
- 2-21-57 " " " "
- 11-7-57 Given by Dr. L. O. Kimball, Stockton, Calif.
- 5-22-61 Given by Stockton Unified School Dist. @ Tyler School.

The following is a list of the oral vaccine I received:

- Type I 9-30-62 Given @ University of Pacific, Stockton, Calif.
- Type II 11-4-62 Given @ "
- Type III 3-3-63 Given @ "

I have no idea by whom the vaccines were distributed, but you certainly have my permission to find out if this is of any value to you.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Betty Tholborn

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Dear Mrs. Tholborn. I can understand you might be agitated by my comments about SV-40. I would doubt very much that your case represents a connection: most poliovirus vaccine since 1960 has been free of SV-40. The news articles did not present my entire viewpoint. My main complaint is that our overall system of collecting health statistics makes it impossible to study such problems with the scientific accuracy they deserve. We should also be investing much more money in the research needed to develop the purer vaccines which would leave us with fewer lingering doubts.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg